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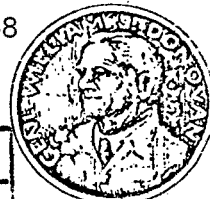
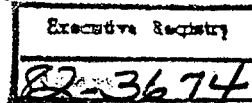
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Dear Bill,

Herewith FYI.

Think we are in business!

See list

Jeff.

July 29, 1982

*cc: ① Lounge letter / ...
indications of 7/22/82*

*② Van der Gucht
Winnipeg ...*

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Dear Kees,

This is to confirm our arrangements re the Veterans of OSS participation in your activities in Washington for the celebration of the USA-Netherlands bi-centennial year of friendship -- and to thank you personally as well as on behalf of our organizations for all your many, much appreciated thoughts and efforts.

First, there will be a Veterans of OSS cocktail reception (5:30 p.m. at the Sky Room, on the 8th Floor, of the Army Navy Club in Washington, D.C., Thursday, October 7th) in honor of Prince Bernhard and your Dutch delegation (15-25) representing the Dutch Resistance during World War II and the Netherlands-USA Association. We understand that Prince Bernhard will at this reception award several Dutch Resistance medals to American Veterans of the OSS who cooperated closely with the Dutch Resistance -- and that this will be the "official" affair to which we will be glad to invite those guests you discussed with me (e.g., Dutch ambassador/military attaches, heads/representatives of the DAV, special friends, etc.). In this context, I have asked Bill Casey to be our spokesman in replying to any remarks/speech Prince Bernhard may wish to make. I would appreciate your giving us a list of names of your delegation as well as a list of those aforementioned guests (with addresses) which you would like us to invite as soon as possible. Invitations should be mailed no later than September 20th.

Second, there will be an informal buffet dinner in the Washington Room, on the second floor, of the Army Navy Club (at approximately 7:30 p.m.) that will be given by the William J. Donovan Memorial Foundation in honor of Prince Bernhard and the ladies and gentlemen of your Dutch delegation.

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tion. The U.S. hosts here will be approximately 20 (mostly OSS'ers who are Officers, Board of Director and/or Advisory Council members of the Foundation). And, as we agreed, the informal dinner will be a social gathering with "toasts" only (as opposed to formal speeches, etc.). Naturally, we will be glad to add any "special" guests to your delegation for this dinner (keeping in mind, however, that the Washington Room only holds comfortably approx 50 people).

Next, I would like to make another suggestion, a late, but perhaps important one to the spirit of our activities, suggested by our Executive Committee Member Bill Colby (who was away when we circulated the news of our contemplated Dutch friendship activities). He points out that there was another important OSS activity in the liberation of the Netherlands that should be included in our thinking, which I unfortunately had not previously remembered/covered: namely, the JEDBURGHS -- the closest possible Dutch-U.S. collaboration that accomplished exceptional undertakings about which I am sure you know.

As to JEDBURGH activities in the Netherlands, it seems there were four Dutch-American JEDBURGH teams: [redacted] and Brinkegera ^{STAT} (who was killed); Todd (who was captured) and Grueunwoud (also killed); Verhaeghe and Bestebretrige; and a fourth whose names we are trying to recall/establish (but the American seems to have disappeared and the Dutchman Stael (?) to have gone back to live in South Africa).

At any rate, Bill Colby (himself a JEDBURGH and our Veterans of OSS expert/coordinator for same) has suggested that this oversight on my part to an important U.S.-Dutch Resistance activity can perhaps be readily resolved, if you might consider giving at the most two more decorations: to American JEDBURGHS -- both of whom we have located address-wise -- [redacted] ^{STAT} and Lt. George H. Verhaeghe who I understand also did ^{STAT} valorous and extraordinary work (with his Dutch JED companion, now a retired pastor living in Charlottesville, Virginia, Arie Bestebretrige).

Since, as you know, I will be away in Europe in August, would you be so kind as to contact Bill Colby directly at his law firm in Washington, D.C. (Reid & Priest, 1111 19th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. - tel (202) 828-0100) for any further information and details re the suggested two JEDS involved, especially if you would like to have them present for the October 7 decorations ceremony.

With all best wishes,

Yours truly,

Geoffrey M. Jones
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President